

95th Division Units Demobilized at Fort Sill

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Fort Sill, Okla. After seven months on active duty in support of “Operation Enduring Freedom” 42 Citizen Soldiers from the 95th Division (Institutional Training) 1st Brigade and 7th Brigade are coming home. Delta Battery, 1st Battalion, 355th Field Artillery, 1st Brigade, 95th Division and 1st Battalion, 379th Regiment (Training Support), 7th Brigade, 95th Division were released from active duty during a September 18 ceremony held at Fort Sill, Okla.

“I am proud today to welcome our soldiers from Delta Battery, 355th Field Artillery and 1st Battalion 379th Regiment back home,” said Robert S. Silverthorn Jr., 95th Division (IT), commanding general. “You have served your country proudly and accomplished your mission – in some instances – several missions while serving here at Fort Sill. I know your family and friends share my appreciation for your return.”



Family members welcome home their parents from their duty at Fort Sill

Soldiers from the 1/379th Reception Battalion from Oklahoma City reported to Fort Sill on March 1st. The 95th Adjutant General Battalion was tasked with the mission of expanding the training base by providing Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) processing in support of ‘Operation Enduring Freedom’. Soldiers were mobilized to in process soldiers being recalled to active duty from the IRR, Individual Mobilization Augmentees (IMA) and soldiers who had retired. In

addition to their primary mission, reception battalion

soldiers provided support to the 95th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception).

“You were ready and stepped up,” said Col. James Palermo, brigade commander. “You effectively completed your mobilization mission and continued to take charge. We changed your mission and you excelled by providing support to the 95th Adjutant General Battalion. Well done.”

With its history of attaining and setting the highest standards, Delta Battery was mobilized in support of 'Operation Enduring Freedom'. Delta soldiers were attached to 1st Battalion, 79th Field Artillery, U.S. Army Field Artillery Training Center. The unit was then transformed into Foxtrot Battery and tasked with training IRR soldiers in CTT. The activation of IRR soldiers required administrative and training support – provided by the newly formed Foxtrot battery.

That wasn't all. Foxtrot Battery was assigned the additional mission to conduct a summer Basic Combat Training (BCT) cycle while simultaneously executing their IRR mission. Foxtrot Battery was recognized for their accomplishments and achieved two gold and two bronze Brigade streamers for their outstanding effort.

"Foxtrot Battery you had a very successful cycle as you executed your primary and additional mission," said Silverthorn. "With the expected summer surge of incoming trainees, you excelled. Receiving 234 BCT soldiers and successfully graduating 206 on Aug. 14th. Well done."

"Seven months ago, we mobilized a highly motivated team," said Maj. Shannon. Today, I have mixed feelings; I am sorry to see you go. I say thank you for all your work in processing IMA soldiers and IDT soldiers. I salute you."